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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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FOR USDEL CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: JEWELL STORY IN LONDON TELEGRAPH

1. LONDON TELEGRAPH STORY OF MAY 25 EXTENSIVELY AND SERIOUSLY MISQUOTED DAVID JEWELL. JEWELL TOLD TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT THAT SECRETARY ADAMS DID NOT SAY US-UK SERVICE WOULD CEASE JUNE 2 IF NO AGREEMENT REACHED BY THAT DATE. JEWELL REITERATED SECRETARY ADAMS' LONDON STATEMENTS THAT UNLESS BY JUNE 2 IT LOOKED AS THOUGH BOTH SIDES WERE ON THE ROAD TO AN AGREEMENT, IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT BY JUNE 22. THE REST OF THE QUOTATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO JEWELL ARE INACCURATE AND REFLECT THE REPORTER'S PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS.

2. JEWELL WISHES TO SEND FOLLOWING LETTER TO EDITOR OF
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DAILY TELEGRAPH:

"LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH
EDITOR
135 FLEET STREET
LONDON EC44BL, UNITED KINGDOM

SIR:

YOUR REPORT OF MAY 25 ON THE AMERICAN-BRITISH AIR ROUTE NEGOTIATIONS, WRITTEN BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT NICK COMFORT, DISTORTS THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS AND MAKES THE FURTHER MISTAKE OF ASCRIBING THE CORRESPONDENT'S OWN INTERPRETATIONS TO ME.

WITHOUT GOING INTO ALL OF THE INACCURACIES, I MUST POINT OUT THAT SUCH TERMS AS "CONCLUSION" OF THE TALKS AND CONCESSIONS" BY EITHER SIDE ARE EXTREMELY DELICATE IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS. YOUR REPORTER MAY FEEL FREE TO SPECULATE ON THESE ISSUES; BUT HE DOES EVERYONE A DISSERVICE BY ATTRIBUTING THEM TO EITHER SECRETARY ADAMS OR MYSELF.

THE AMERICAN POSITION IS CLEAR AND HAS BEEN ENUNCIATED A NUMBER OF TIMES. THE UNITED STATES IS SINCERELY COMMITTED TO REACHING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT BY MID-JUNE, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THE BRITISH ARE AS WELL. HOWEVER, OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE NO FURTHER PROGRESS DURING THE NEXT WEEK OR 10 DAYS, THEN IT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT BY JUNE 22.

I HOPE THIS LETTER WILL HELP TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION FOR YOUR READERS.

SINCERELY,

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S/DAVID A. JEWELL
ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY
AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS"

3. IF USDEL BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN CONTEXT OF CURRENT NEGOTIATION SITUATION, EMBASSY SHOULD SEND LETTER ON JEWELL'S BEHALF TO DAILY TELEGRAPH. IN ADDITION TO LETTER OR AS ALTERNATIVE OF IT, USDEL MIGHT CONSIDER EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE DRAWING ON SUBSTANCE OF LETTER AND EARLIER DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE. VANCE

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